Government against false allegations, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter relates to renewal of TISCO's mining lease for Chromite in Jajpur District of Orissa. M/s. TISCO has filed Writ Petitions O.J.C. Nos. 7729 of 1993 and 4701 of 1994 against Orders of the Central Government conveying approval of second renewal of Mining lease for chromite in Sukinda Valley. Aseries of other writ petitions (Nos. 3825, 5422 & 7054 of 1994) were also filed before Orissa High Court by others. The High Court of Orissa disposed of the Writ Petitions filed by M/s. TISCO and others vide its Judgement dated 4th April, 1995, remanding the matter back to the Central Government with specific guidelines for fresh consideration of the entire matter after duly giving an opportunity of hearing to TISCO and other parties in the writ petitions. In pursuance of this direction the Ministry of Mines has constituted a committee for hearing TISCO and other parties in the writ petitions in accordance with the guidelines given by the High Court of Orissa. TISCO has also filed SLPs in the Supreme Court against the above said judgement dated 4th April, 1995.

Drought Affected areas in Bihar and Maharashtra

620. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMA CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any areas will be affected drought in Bihar and Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) if so, which are those areas;

(c) instead of taking steps after the drought is actually set in, whether Government would take steps at present in these areas, to alleviate the sufferings of the population; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in view of 'c' above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) As the South-West monsoon, 1995 is still in progress, it is too early at this stage to make any realistic assessment of probable drought conditions in any part of the country, including Bihar and Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) In order to mitigate the long-term impact of droughts, a Drought Prone Areas Programme is being implemented in certain identified blocks, including 54 blocks in Bihar and 74 in Maharashtra.

Central Schemes in Andhra Pradesh for the Development of fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy

621. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Central Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, animal Husbandry and Dairy;

(b) the amount allocated during each of the last three years, scheme-wise; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made during the said period, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) the details of various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy are given in the statement at Annexure-I. No prior state-wise allocation is made under these